In both the standards, tolerance limits for physical, chemical and toxic substances including pesticide residues have been specified along with corresponding test methods. Further, these standards have been put under compulsory certification by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare *w.e.f.* 29.03.2001. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) ensures that its licensees adhere to the specification laid down in relevant Indian Standards by supervising the implementation of the relevant Scheme of Testing and Inspection and Market Surveillance. The samples of bottled water tested have been found to be in conformity with the tolerance limits specified in the relevant standards.

(c) and (d) Relevant Indian Standards for bottled water also lay down the corresponding appropriate standard test method to be followed for testing. These tests protocol have been found to be quite robust. Therefore, there is no proposal in BIS to change the norms of testing of pesticide residues in the bottled water.

Non-completion of Railway signalling plans

†*477. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reason for non-completion of Railways' signalling plans is either due to the non-availability of agencies or the non-availability of equipments; and

(b) if so, the plan being formulated by Government to complete it?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Majority of the Railway Signalling Projects have been completed/under completion. However there is some shortfall mainly due to (i) inadequate contractual capabilities and sharp increase in metal prices, causing delayed finalization of Tenders (ii) Shortage of Signal Engineers and staff for design and execution of works.

(b) Several measures to expedite completion of projects have been taken, which include:

(i) Uploading of tender documents on internet for attracting more vendors through wider publicity.

(ii) Planning of customized training programmes in Railways Signalling Institute for training of personnel of the developing vendors in the field of Signalling work execution.

(iii) Widening the scope of qualification for initial recruitment of supervisors/artisans, deploying Engineers from other Zonal Railways/units to meet out the shortfall in case project on any Railway is requiring more Engineers, deputing Railway Officials including Engineers on training to reputed national/international institutions.

Bio-fuel plantation

*478. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to bring 12 million hectares of land under bio-fuel crops;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what type of land is proposed to be used for bio-fuel plantations; and

(d) whether this step would have an adverse impact on India's food security and environment?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.